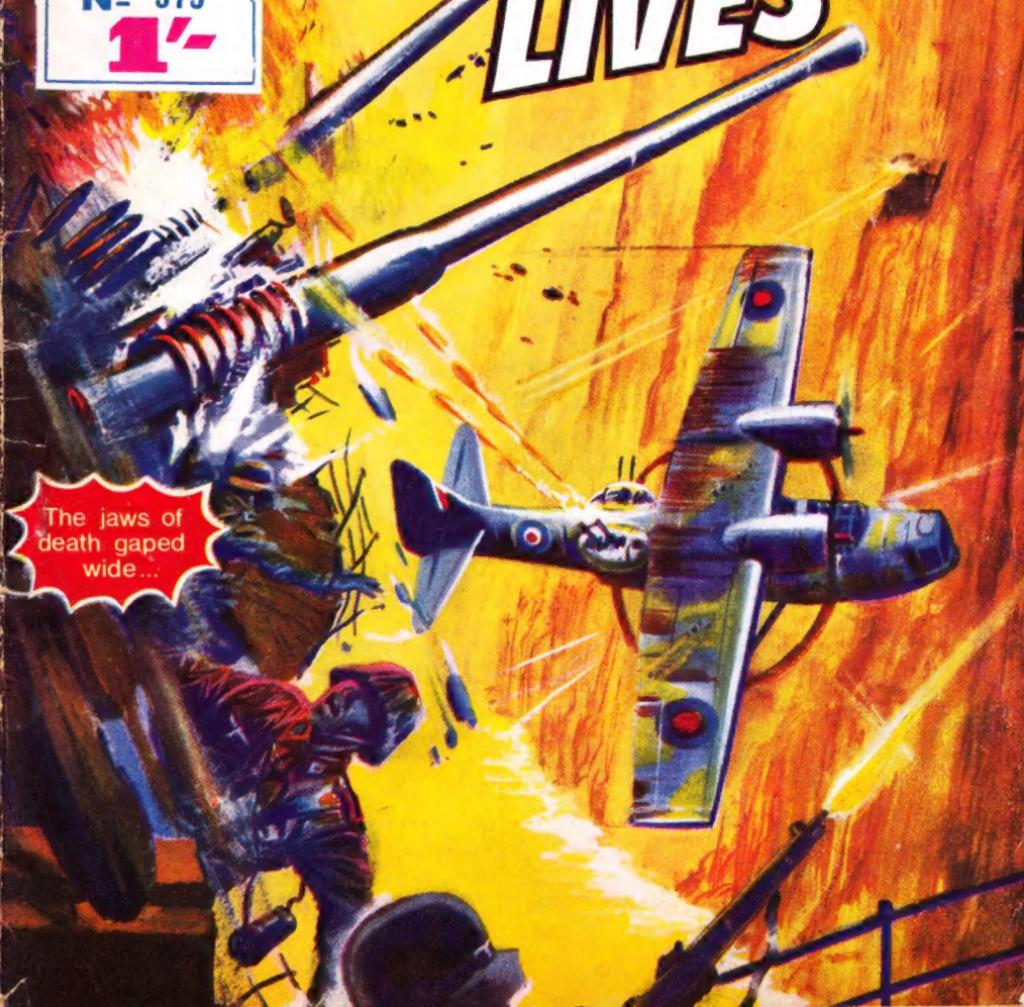




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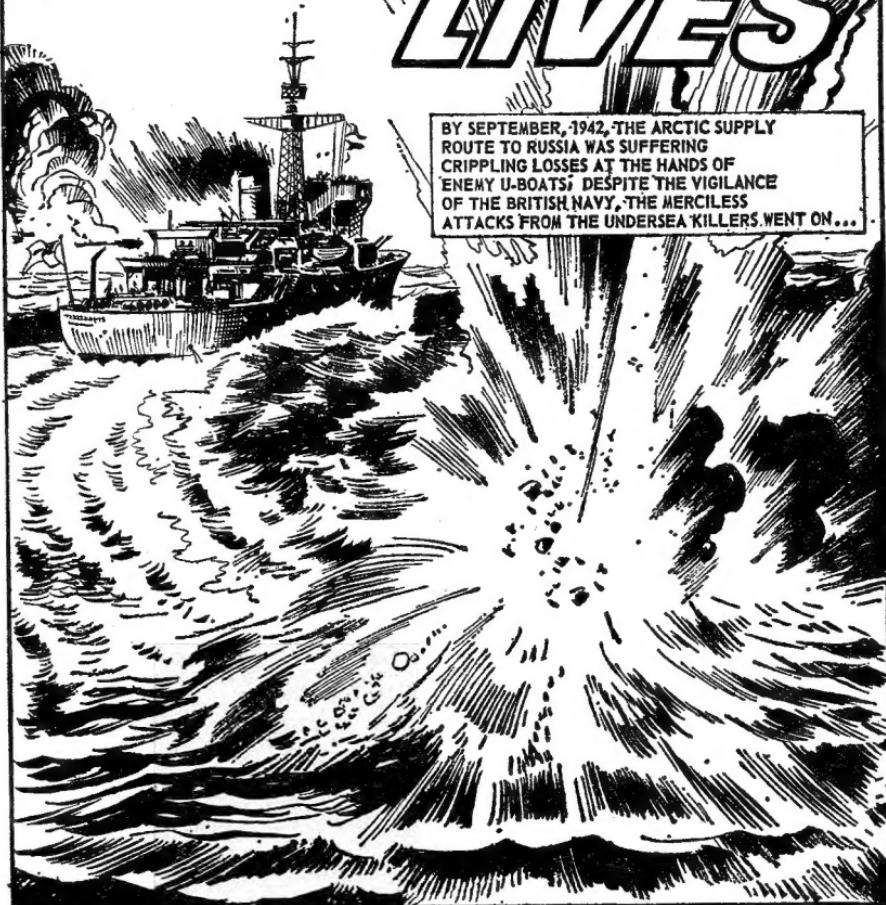
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BATTLER BRITTON and the

# CAT ON NINE LIVES

BY SEPTEMBER, 1942, THE ARCTIC SUPPLY  
ROUTE TO RUSSIA WAS SUFFERING  
CRIPPLING LOSSES AT THE HANDS OF  
ENEMY U-BOATS; DESPITE THE VIGILANCE  
OF THE BRITISH NAVY, THE MERCILESS  
ATTACKS FROM THE UNDERSEA KILLERS WENT ON...



## Chapter I. *SECRET LAIR*

COASTAL COMMAND JOINED THE FIGHT, BUT WHAT SUCCESSES THEY HAD WERE ALL TOO RARE.



THE MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE AIR COVER WAS WING COMMANDER BATTLER BRITTON.

IT ISN'T  
ENOUGH, STEVE.  
WE'VE GOT TO HIT HARDER  
AND MORE  
OFTEN!

YOU  
MEAN KNOCK  
'EM OFF IN  
BUNCHES,  
SKIP?



BATTER CAST HIS EYES AT THE DISTANT COAST  
OF NORWAY...

I'D GIVE  
MY EARS TO  
FIND OUT WHERE  
THESE U-BOATS HAVE THEIR  
BASE. SHASH THAT AND  
YOU'VE SMASHED  
A TON OF  
TROUBLE.

WELL,  
NOBODY'S  
FOUND IT YET,  
SKIP. AND WE'VE  
LOOKED TILL  
WE'RE CROSS.  
-EYED!

NEXT SECOND BOTH JERKED UPRIGHT AS A COLUMN OF SPRAY ERUPTED BESIDE ONE OF THE CONVOY...

TORPEDO!  
ANOTHER ONE'S.  
COPPED IT!

DOWN  
WE GO,  
STEVE!

ROARING OVER THE MERCHANTMAN, BATTLER AND STEVE HUNTED FOR A CLUE TO THE SUBMARINE'S POSITION...

TRACES OF  
TORPEDO TRACKS,  
SKIPPER!

JERRY'S  
DIVED HARD.  
BUT THERE'S STILL  
A CHANCE TO  
SPOT HIM.

THAT'S  
HIM! NO  
TIME FOR SLIDE  
RULES! DROP OUR  
EGGS FIRST  
TIME!

A CIGAR-SHAPED SHADOW,  
VISIBLE ONLY TO TRAINED  
EYES, SHOWED FLEETINGLY  
IN THE SEA BELOW...

STEVE FLICKED THE SWITCHES AND FOUR DEPTH CHARGES PLUMMETED DOWN...

ROUND AGAIN AND LET'S SEE IF THAT'LL FETCH HIM UP!



THE CHARGES DRIFTED SLOWLY DOWN THROUGH THE ICY WATER AND EXPLODED VIOLENTLY AROUND THE GERMAN U-BOAT ...



ONLY ONE MAN KEPT HIS HEAD IN THE TURMOIL THAT FOLLOWED. THE SUBMARINE'S COMMANDER, HEINRICH BOHL....



BACK  
TO YOUR  
STATIONS!

HE SHOUTED FOR DAMAGE REPORTS AND MINUTES LATER A WHITE-FACED CHIEF ENGINEER ENTERED THE CONTROL ROOM...



WE HAVE  
TORN PLATES,  
SOME FLOODING  
AND THE  
LIGHTS MAY  
FAIL...

BUT WE  
STILL LIVE. AND  
WITH LUCK WE  
SHALL HOBBLE  
HOME!

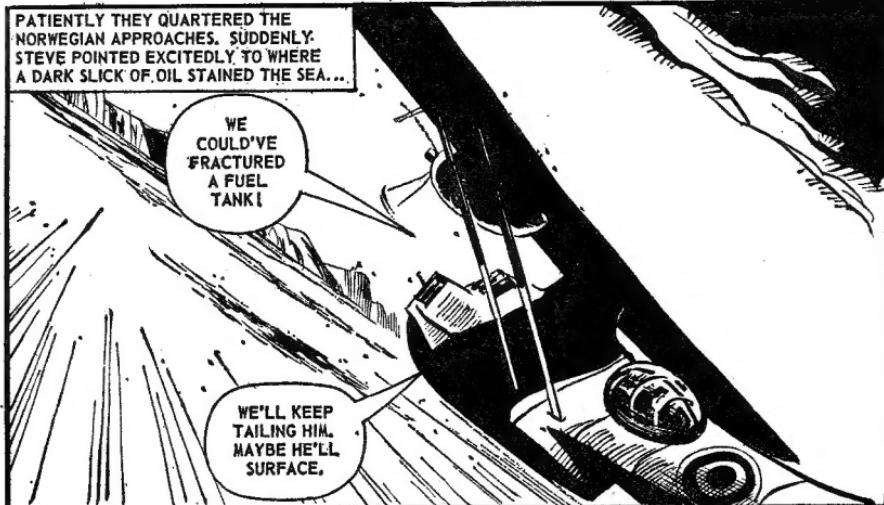
HEINRICH BOHL'S LUCK HELD, DESPITE A MASSIVE SEARCH BY THE CONVOY'S ESCORT SHIPS...



BUT BATTLER WAS NOT SATISFIED. AND WHEN THE RELIEF: CATALINA CAME IN SIGHT...



PATIENTLY THEY QUARTERED THE NORWEGIAN APPROACHES. SUDDENLY, STEVE POINTED EXCITEDLY TO WHERE A DARK SLICK OF OIL STAINED THE SEA...



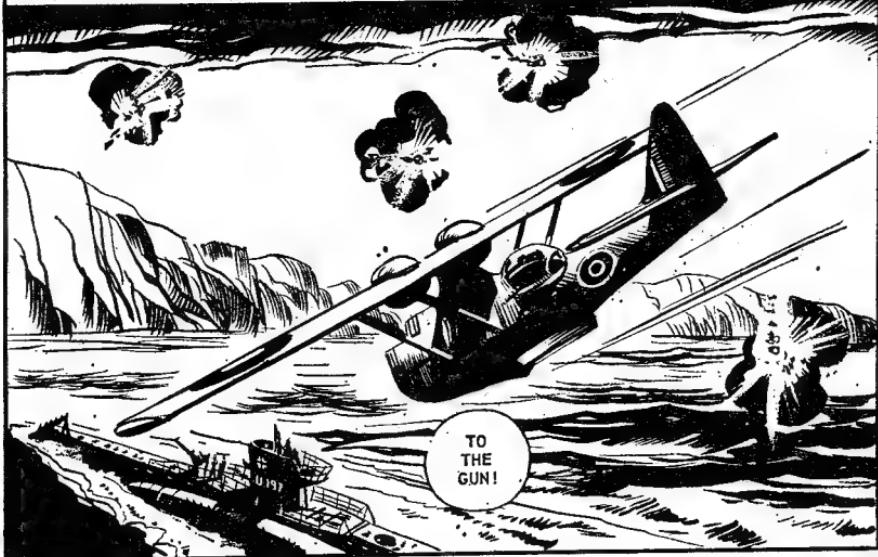
THEY FOLLOWED THE TELL-TALE OIL SLICK TO WITHIN HALF A MILE OF THE COAST. THEN JUST OFF THE MOUTH OF A FJORD THE U-BOAT BROKE THE SURFACE ...



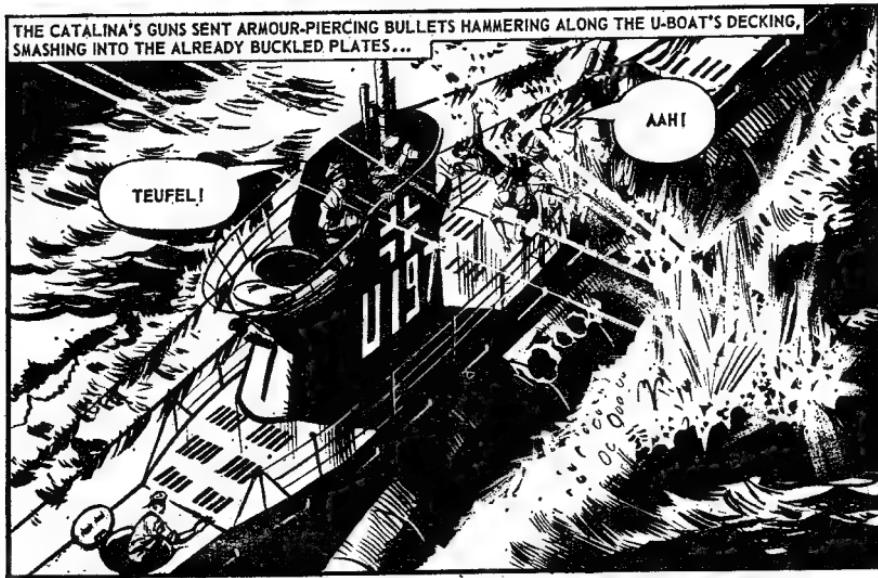
KAPITAN BOHL WAS TOO CLOSE TO SHORE TO DIVE. HE SENT THE U-BOAT SCURRYING FOR THE FJORD AND AS BATTLER SENT THE CATALINA AFTER HIM, FLAK BEGAN TO STAIN THE SKY ...



IGNORING THE ENEMY GUNS, BATTLER CAUGHT THE U-BOAT INSIDE THE ANCHORAGE ...



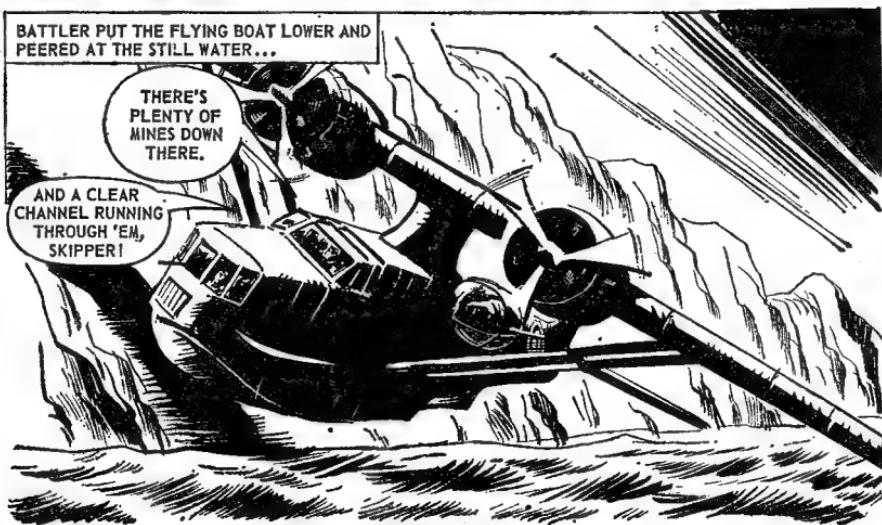
THE CATALINA'S GUNS SENT ARMOUR-PIERCING BULLETS HAMMERING ALONG THE U-BOAT'S DECKING,  
SMASHING INTO THE ALREADY BUCKLED PLATES...



OUT OF CONTROL, THE SUBMARINE LURCHED OFF COURSE. SUDDENLY THERE WAS A VICIOUS EXPLOSION ...



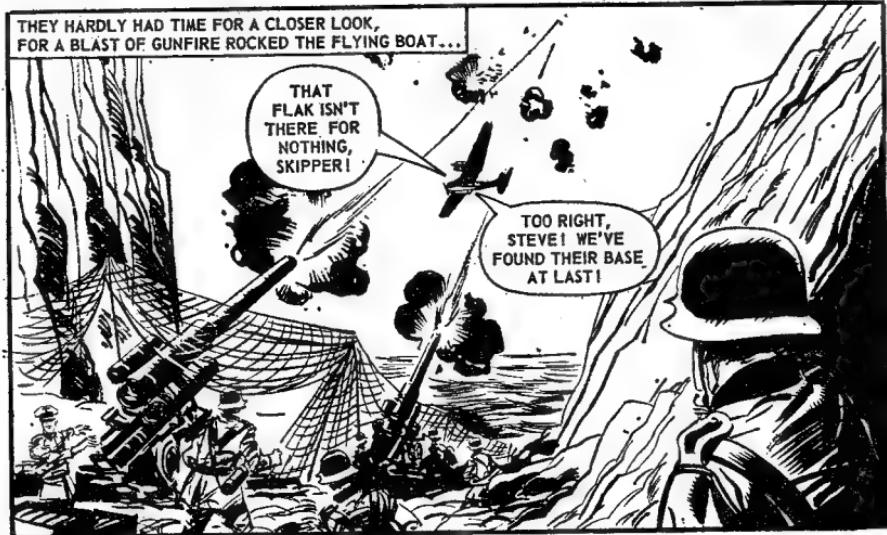
BATTERL PUT THE FLYING BOAT LOWER AND PEERED AT THE STILL WATER...



SUDDENLY THE END OF THE FJORD CAME INTO VIEW. BATTERER GAVE A YELL AS HE SAW TWO SINISTER SHAPES ON THE WATER AHEAD...



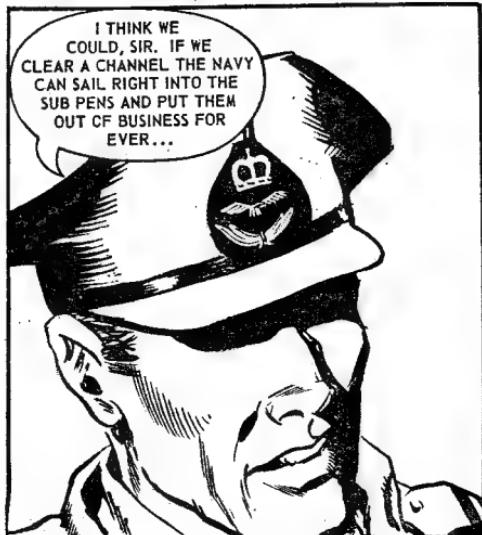
THEY HARDLY HAD TIME FOR A CLOSER LOOK,  
FOR A BLAST OF GUNFIRE ROCKED THE FLYING BOAT...



BATTERER RADIOED THE NEWS TO BASE, AND WHEN HE BROUGHT THE CATALINA TO ITS MOORINGS, A BOAT WAS WAITING...

ASHORE, BATTERER FOUND AN ADMIRAL AND AN AIR COMMODORE WAITING FOR HIM...





WHEN BATTLER LEFT, THE ADMIRAL TURNED  
TO THE AIR COMMODORE ...



## Chapter 2. GAUNTLET OF FIRE

WITH THE PLAN BACKED AT HIGHEST LEVEL, BATTLER BEGAN TO ORGANISE THE MISSION. FIRST HE PICKED THREE OTHER CREWS...



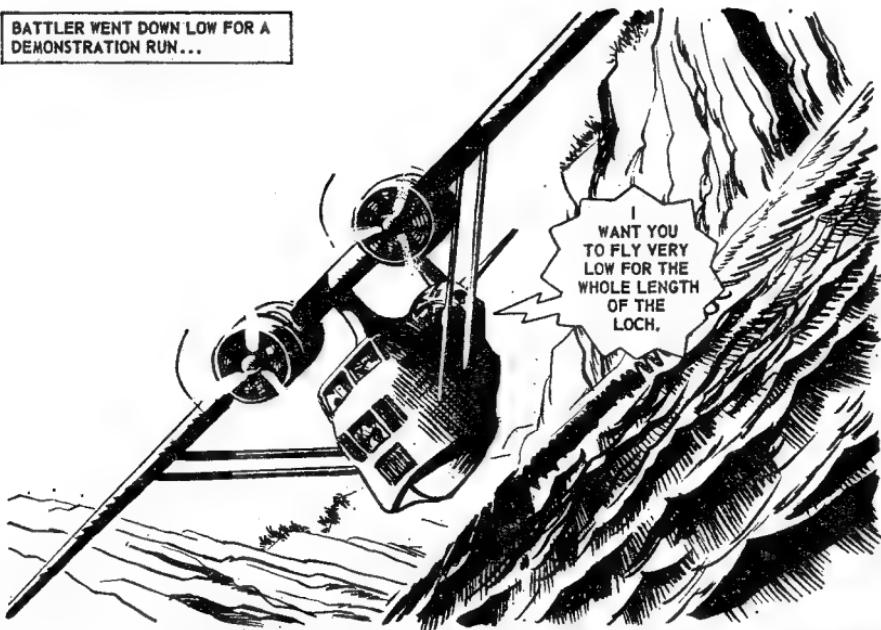
THE SPEAKER WAS CONNELLY. A GREAT FIGHTER BUT A MAN NOT OVER-FOND OF DISCIPLINE...



THAT AFTERNOON, THE MEN MADE THEIR FIRST INSPECTION OF LOCH KINOCIE...



BATTLER WENT DOWN LOW FOR A DEMONSTRATION RUN...



MOMENTS LATER, STEVE NORTON FOUND HIMSELF STARING AT A HUGE WALL OF ROCK...



BATTLER PULLED THE CONTROL COLUMN INTO THE PIT OF HIS STOMACH AND THE CATALINA SOARED UP, CLEARING THE GRANITE WALL BY INCHES...

STREWTH!  
IS THIS NECESSARY,  
BATTLER?

AFRAID SO,  
STEVE. IT'S THE  
ONLY WAY TO KNOCK  
OUT OUR  
TARGET!

CALLING THE NEXT AIRCRAFT DOWN, BATTLER SOON MADE IT CLEAR HE WAS GOING TO BE HARD TO PLEASE...

GET  
LOWER,  
BILL!

ANY  
LOWER AND  
WE SHAN'T CLEAR  
THOSE ROCKS AT  
THE FAR  
END!

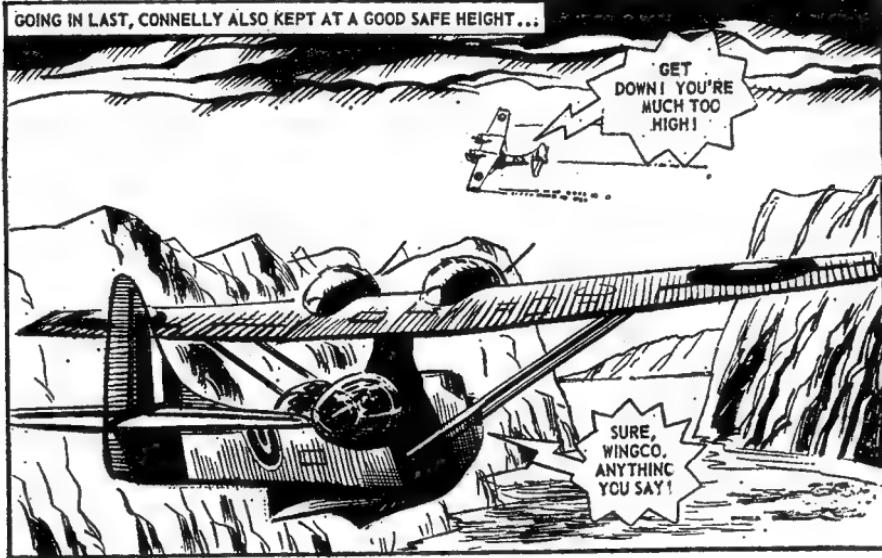
BILL WALKER STAYED AT THE SAFE LEVEL AND  
CLEARED THE CLIFF FACE WITH PLENTY  
TO SPARE...



GINGER DIXON IN THE THIRD AIRCRAFT DID BETTER  
BUT STILL BATTLER'S VOICE RAKED HIS EARPHONES...



GOING IN LAST, CONNELLY ALSO KEPT AT A GOOD SAFE HEIGHT...



AGAINST ALL THEIR EXPECTATIONS, BATTLER HAD NOBODY ON THE CARPET AFTER THE EXERCISE. HE DID NOT EVEN TALK ABOUT IT. THAT HAD THE CREWS WORRIED...



WHEN THE TIME CAME FOR BATTLER TO SHOW THE OTHERS HIS IDEA, HIS EARPHONES CRACKLED WITH THEIR INDIGNANT SHOUTS...

BATTLER'S CALL WAS TO A NAVAL BALLOON UNIT ON THE SCOTTISH MAINLAND. AND AS A RESULT...



KNOWING THAT NOTHING ARGUED LOUDER THAN EXAMPLE, THE FLYING ACE SENT HIS FLYING BOAT ROARING UNDER THE LINE OF WIRE ARCHES.

KEEP  
YOUR NERVE  
AND THERE'S  
NOTHING  
TO IT ...

IT'S  
SUICIDE!

THE WIRES WERE THERE TO MAKE THEM FLY LOW UNTIL THE LAST POSSIBLE MOMENT.. IT MEANT A TERRIFIC PULL UP BUT IT COULD BE DONE - AS BATTLER SHOWED THEM..

TO THEIR RELIEF BOTH BILL WALKER AND GINGER DIXON CLEARED THE CLIFF BUT THEY WERE NOT SMILING...



FOR CONNELLY, IT WAS ONLY PRIDE THAT MADE HIM FOLLOW.  
BUT HIS DEEP VOICE GROWLED IN PROTEST...



SECONDS LATER THERE WAS THE LAST ARCH TO PASS.. CONNELLY TOOK ONE LOOK AT THE DISTANCE,  
AND YELLED A WARNING...



RATHER THAN GO BELOW, CONNELLY TRIED TO FLY OVER THE  
LAST BALLOON...



NEXT SECOND THE CATALINA'S BLUNT NOSE RIPPED INTO THE BALLOON'S FABRIC....



THE CATALINA ROCKED ALARMINGLY AS THE BALLOON COLLAPSED AND THE WIRE HAWSER HIT THE WATER WITH A VICIOUS SMACK....

MAKE  
HEIGHT, CONNELLY,  
OR YOU'LL NEVER  
MAKE IT!



CONNELLY DID MAKE IT, AND BACK AT THE BASE HE SPOKE HIS MIND...



BATTER KNEW IT WAS DANGEROUS. BUT HE ALSO KNEW HOW VITAL THE TARGET WAS...



TWO DAYS LATER, AS BATTLER HAD PROMISED, CONNELLY AND THE OTHER CREWS WERE SHOWN THE REASON FOR THEIR DANGEROUS TRAINING...



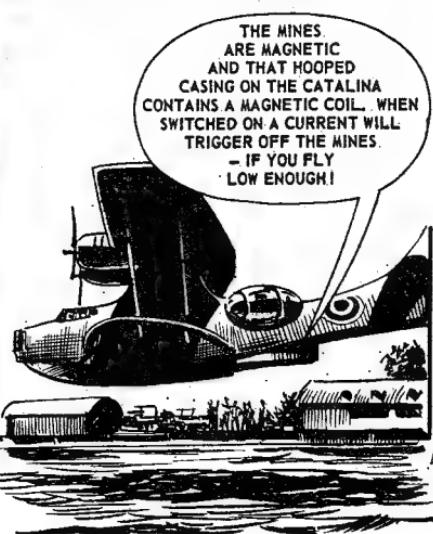
AS THE NEW ARRIVAL CIRCLED TO ALIGHT, BATTLER EXPLAINED:...

OUR JOB IS TO CLEAR A PATH THROUGH A MINEFIELD FOR THE NAVY. THE FIELD PROTECTS A U-BOAT BASE, WHICH THE NAVY BOYS ARE GOING TO DESTROY.



THE MINES ARE MAGNETIC AND THAT HOOPED CASING ON THE CATALINA CONTAINS A MAGNETIC COIL. WHEN SWITCHED ON A CURRENT WILL TRIGGER OFF THE MINES.

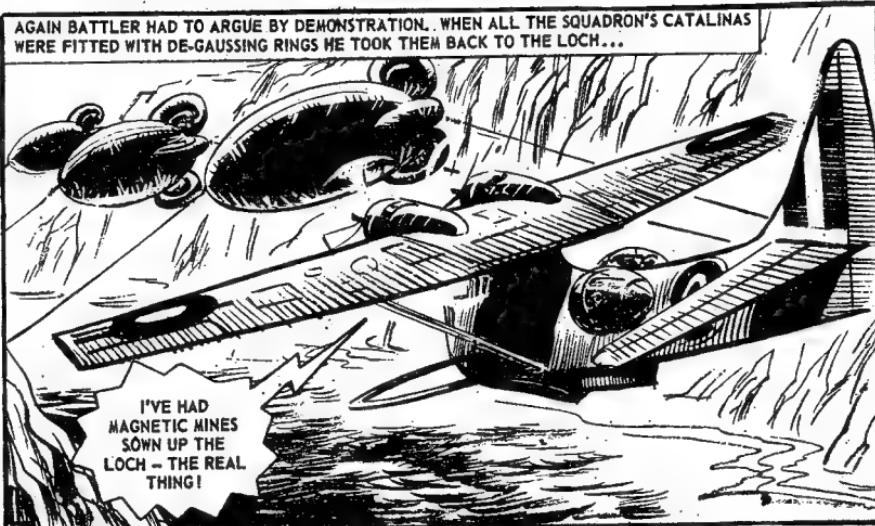
- IF YOU FLY LOW ENOUGH!



DEAD SILENCE GREETED BATTLER'S WORDS. CONNELLY GLANCED AT THE OTHERS AND THEN STARED HARD AT BATTLER...



AGAIN BATTLER HAD TO ARGUE BY DEMONSTRATION. WHEN ALL THE SQUADRON'S CATALINAS WERE FITTED WITH DE-GAUSSING RINGS HE TOOK THEM BACK TO THE LOCH...



WITH THE AIRCRAFT SKIMMING JUST ABOVE WATER LEVEL, BATTLER'S FINGER FLICKED A SWITCH. ALMOST IMMEDIATELY A GREAT SHEET OF WATER Erupted JUST BEHIND THE CATALINA.



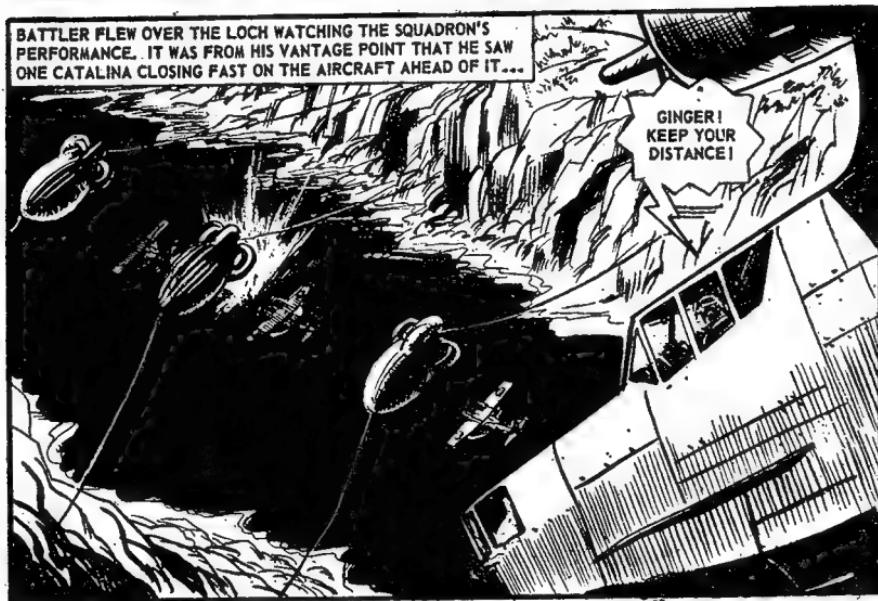
BATTLER HEARD THE EXCITED VOICES ON THE RADIO. HE CUT THEM SHORT WITH HIS CRISP ORDERS...



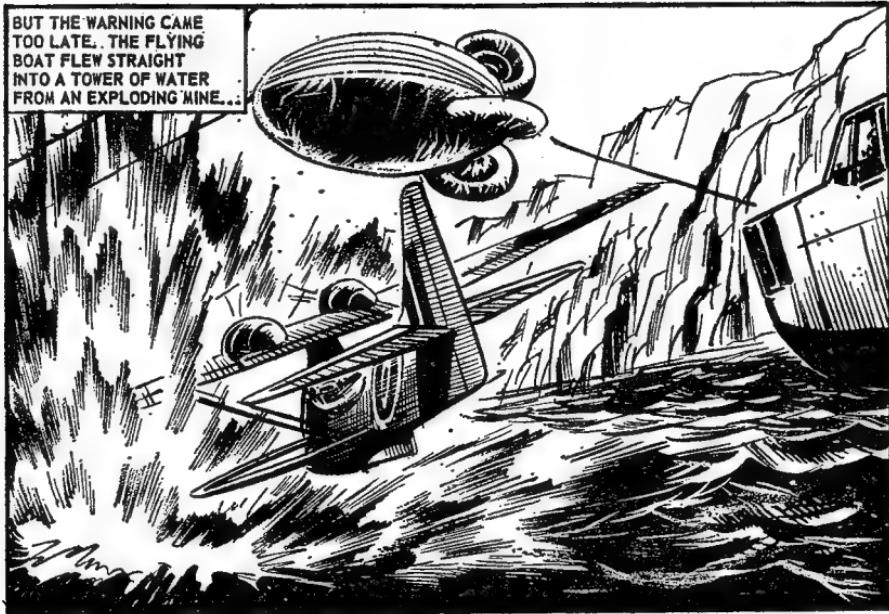
THE OTHERS FELL IN LINE AND DROPPED BELOW THE CABLES.  
AS USUAL CONNELLY BROUGHT UP THE REAR...



BATTER FLEW OVER THE LOCH WATCHING THE SQUADRON'S  
PERFORMANCE. IT WAS FROM HIS VANTAGE POINT THAT HE SAW  
ONE CATALINA CLOSING FAST ON THE AIRCRAFT AHEAD OF IT...

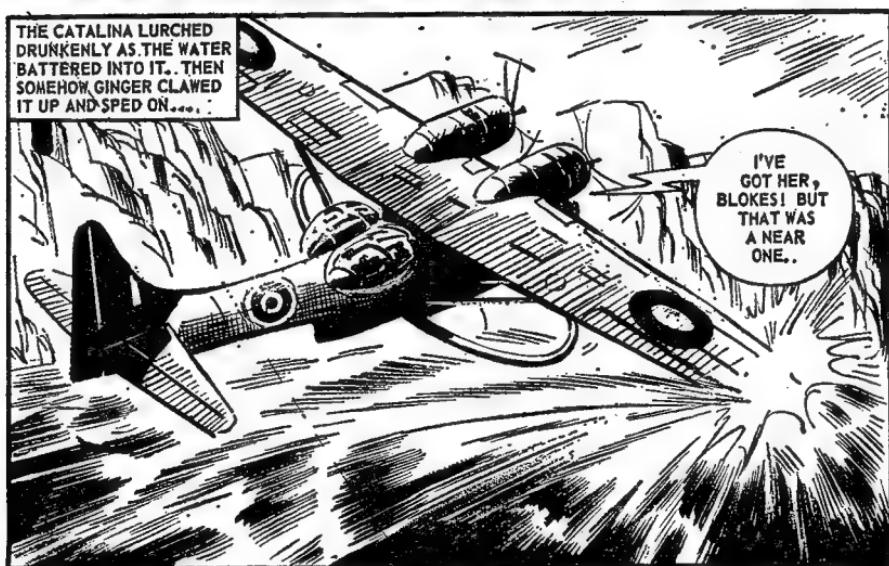


BUT THE WARNING CAME  
TOO LATE.. THE FLYING  
BOAT FLEW STRAIGHT  
INTO A TOWER OF WATER  
FROM AN EXPLODING MINE...



THE CATALINA LURCHED  
DRUNKENLY AS THE WATER  
BATTERED INTO IT.. THEN  
SOMEHOW GINGER CLAWED  
IT UP AND SPED ON...

I'VE  
GOT HER,  
BLOKES! BUT  
THAT WAS  
A NEAR  
ONE..



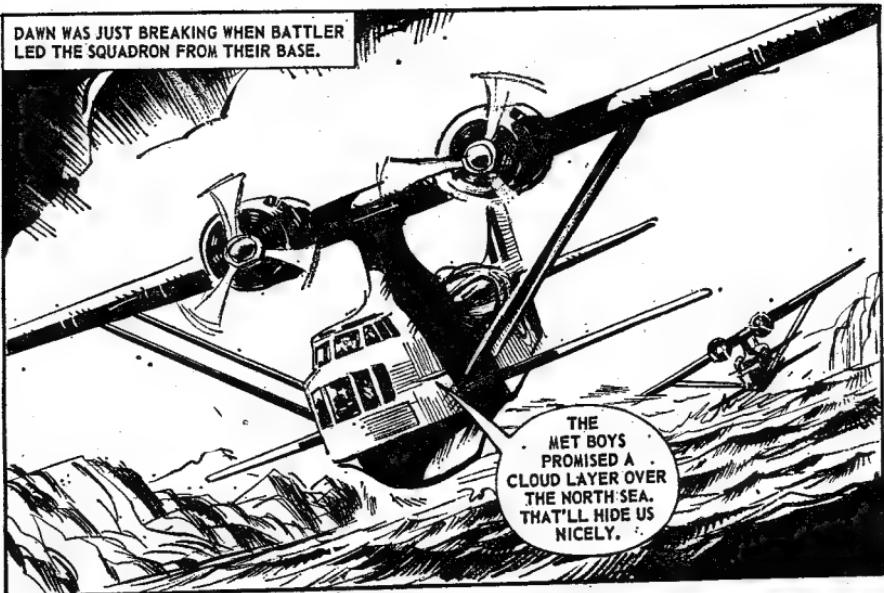
THE NEAR DISASTER BROUGHT AN INSTANT RESPONSE FROM CONNELLY...



HALF AN HOUR AFTER THE SQUADRON'S RETURN TO BASE,  
BATTERL WAS VISITED BY A STILL SHAKEN GINGER...



DAWN WAS JUST BREAKING WHEN BATTLER  
LED THE SQUADRON FROM THEIR BASE.



TWENTY MINUTES LATER THEY SIGHTED  
THE NAVAL SHIPS BELOW THEM...



THE DESTROYER'S COMMANDER QUICKLY  
CHECKED HIS CALCULATIONS...

WE  
SHOULD  
ENTER THE FJORD  
JUST AS THOSE  
BOYS FINISH  
SWEEPING THE  
MINES!

LET'S  
HOPE THEY  
DO A GOOD  
JOB, SIR...

WHEN BATTLER ARRIVED AT THE FJORD HE CIRCLED  
WARILY BEFORE ATTACKING. IT WAS THEN  
THAT HE SPOTTED A NEW THREAT...

FLAK SHIP!  
THAT'LL GIVE  
THE NAVY SOMETHING  
TO ARGUE  
WITH!

AS BATTLER HEADED IN OVER THE SHIP, ITS GUNS OPENED FIRE. THEY WERE SOON JOINED BY OTHERS POSITIONED ON THE SHEER FACES OF THE CLIFFS...



ROCKED BY THE WITHERING GUNFIRE, BATTLER DROPPED THE CATALINA TO WATER LEVEL. HIS FINGER FLICKED THE SWITCH AND THE FIRST MINE ERUPTED...

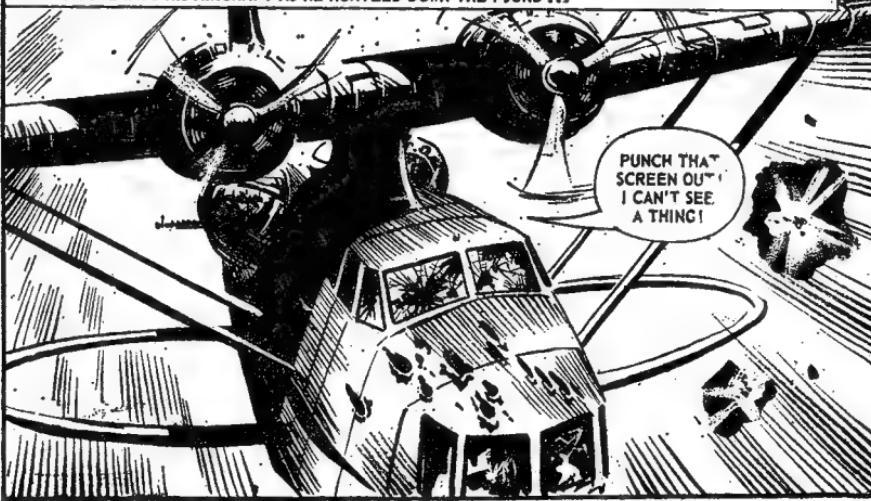


CLOSE BEHIND HIS LEADER  
CAME BILL WALKER...



KEEP  
LEFT OF.  
BATTLER. THAT'LL  
BLOW A WIDER  
CHANNEL.

BY THE TIME DIXON COMMENCED HIS RUN, THE ENEMY GUNNERS HAD RECOVERED FROM THEIR SURPRISE.  
SHELLS TORE INTO HIS AIRCRAFT AS HE HURLED DOWN THE FJORD ...



PUNCH THA'  
SCREEN OUT!  
I CAN'T SEE  
A THING!

CONNELLY'S CATALINA RECEIVED A DIRECT HIT IN ONE  
ENGINE. FLAMES BEGAN TO LICK OUT FROM THE COWLING ...



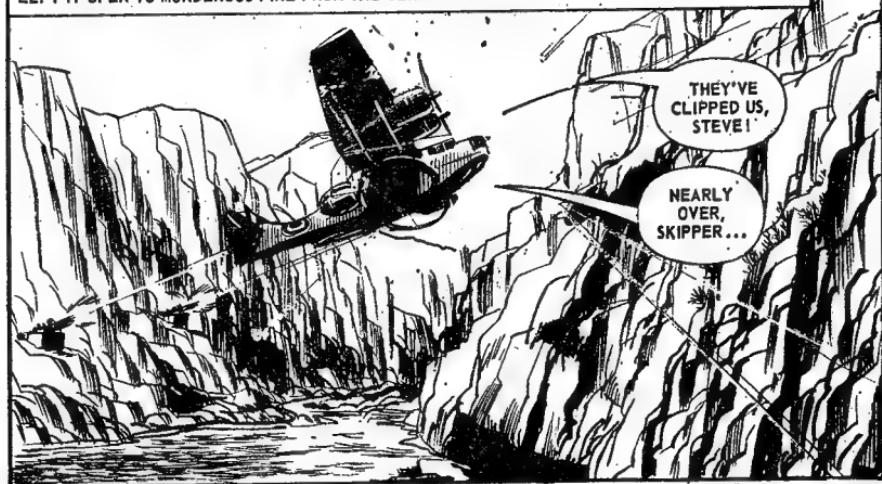
CONNELLY'S GUNNERS POURED LEAD INTO THE  
ENEMY, SILENCING GUN AFTER GUN AS THEY  
HURTLED THE LENGTH OF THE FJORD...



MEANWHILE, BATTLER'S CATALINA HAD REACHED THE  
ROCK-FACE THAT TOWERED ABOVE THE U-BOAT PENS . . .



WITH THE THROTTLES OPEN WIDE THE FLYING BOAT WENT INTO A STRAINING, CLAWING CLIMB THAT LEFT IT OPEN TO MURDEROUS FIRE FROM THE GERMAN GUNNERS . . .



WALKER AND GINGER DIXON FOLLOWED BATTLER OVER THE SUMMIT ...



SECONDS LATER, CONNELLY CAME ROARING OVER THE TOP, FLAK CHASING HIM AND SMOKE POURING FROM THE CRIPPLED ENGINE ...



## Chapter 3. THE RAIDERS

THE CRASH OF GUNFIRE IN THE FJORD SUBSIDED FOR A TIME, ONLY TO ERUPT AGAIN AS THE FIRST OF THE NAVY SHIPS CAME INTO SIGHT ...



LIEUTENANT ALLCOTT'S GUNNERS POURED SHELLS INTO THE ENEMY VESSEL, WHICH SOON BEGAN TO SETTLE ...



WITH THE LAST OUNCE OF POWER FROM HER DYING ENGINES, THE FLAK SHIP'S CAPTAIN HAD TURNED HIS SHIP ACROSS THE NARROW ENTRANCE...



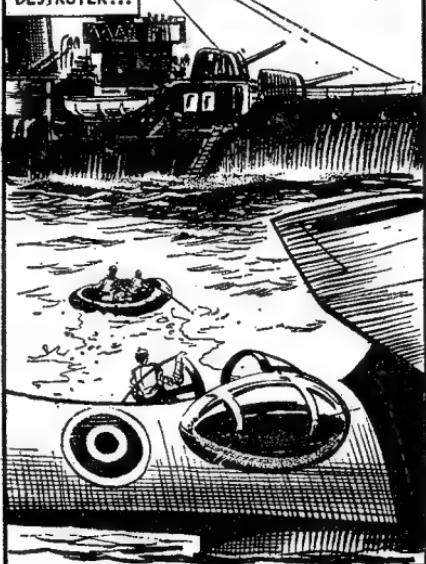
AS BATTLER SWEEPT OUT OVER THE SEA, HE SAW THE SCENE BELOW HIM...



BATTLER TOOK THE CATALINA AS CLOSE TO ALLCOTT'S DESTROYER AS HE DARED...



THE FLYING ACE BROUGHT THE CATALINA ALONGSIDE AND KILLED THE MOTORS. MINUTES LATER HE WAS BEING TAKEN ABOARD THE DESTROYER...



BATTLER WAS TAKEN DIRECT TO ALLCOTT'S CABIN...



BATTLER EXPLAINED QUICKLY AND A SIGNAL FROM ZENITH BROUGHT THE OTHER CATALINAS ALONGSIDE. THE SHIP'S LAUNCH WENT OUT TO PICK UP THEIR CREWS...



SHORTLY AFTER, IN THE DESTROYER'S WARDROOM...

WE'RE GOING TO FERRY THE NAVY UP THE FJORD. EACH AIRCRAFT WILL CARRY A LANDING PARTY WHICH MUST BE PUT DOWN AS NEAR THE PENS AS POSSIBLE!

PRESENTLY FOUR DINGHIES, EACH CRAMMED WITH THE TOUGHEST FIGHTERS ALLCOTT COULD FIND, MOVED AWAY FROM THE DESTROYER.



WITH THE SAILORS CROWDED ABOARD THE FOUR FLYING BOATS, BATTLER GAVE HIS ORDERS FOR TAKE-OFF ...



THE FOUR CATALINAS BEGAN TO ROAR ACROSS THE WATER,  
THEIR ENGINES STRAINING TO GET THEM AIRBORNE ...

TELL THE  
GUNNERS WE  
WANT NO MISTAKES,  
STEVE. THIS IS OUR  
LAST CHANCE!

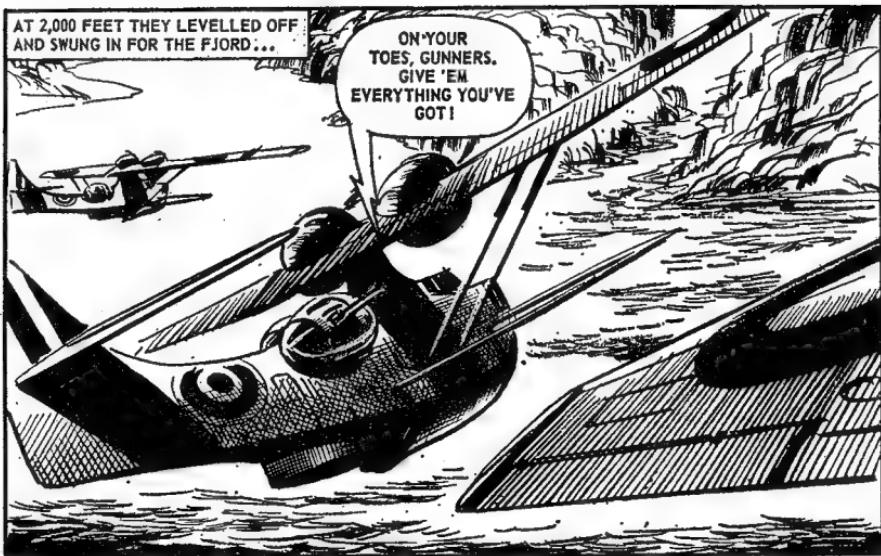


BATTLER LED THEM OFF THE SEA AND BEGAN TO CLIMB FOR THE  
CRAGGY MOUNTAINS OF THE NORWEGIAN COAST LINE ...



AT 2,000 FEET THEY LEVELLED OFF  
AND SWUNG IN FOR THE FJORD...

ON YOUR  
TOES, GUNNERS.  
GIVE 'EM  
EVERYTHING YOU'VE  
GOT!



THIS TIME EVERY GUNNER KNEW WHAT TO EXPECT.  
AND EACH MAN PICKED HIS TARGET ...

HASTILY SIGHTED AS THEY WERE, THE ENEMY  
GUN POSITIONS AFFORDED LITTLE COVER  
FROM THE HAIL OF BULLETS THAT HAMMERED  
INTO THEM...



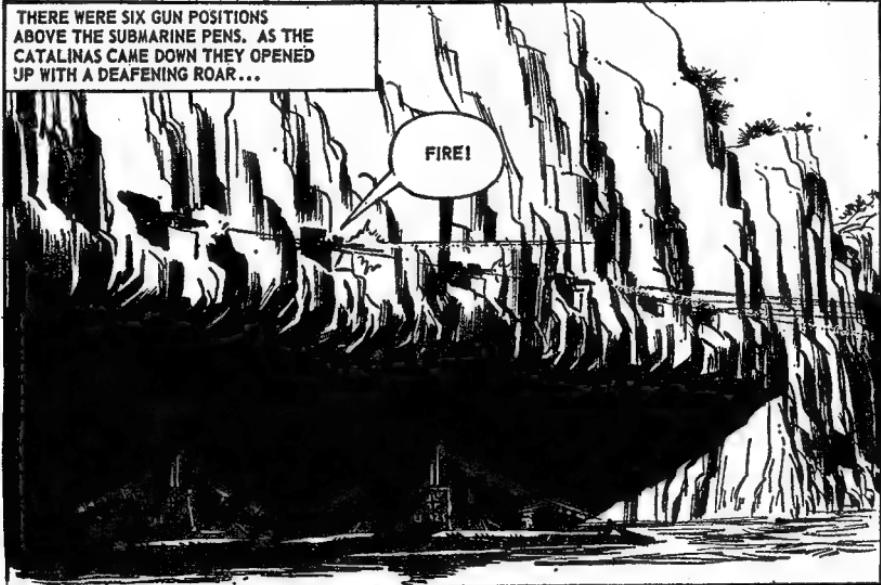
ONE BY ONE THE GUNS WERE SILENCED  
AS THE FOUR FLYING BOATS HURLED  
UP THE FJORD AT FULL THROTTLE...



THEN THE PENS CAME INTO SIGHT. BATTLER  
THROTTLED BACK AND THE CATALINA  
BEGAN TO SINK TOWARDS THE WATER...



THERE WERE SIX GUN POSITIONS ABOVE THE SUBMARINE PENS. AS THE CATALINAS CAME DOWN THEY OPENED UP WITH A DEAFENING ROAR....



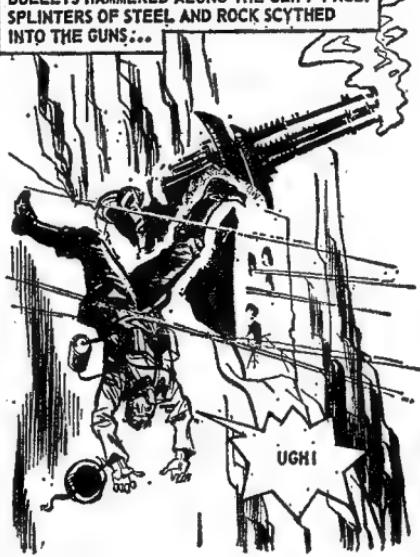
FIRE!

THE FLYING BOATS' VICKERS GUNS ANGRILY ANSWERED THE ENEMY'S FIRE...



YOU  
CAN'T  
MISS!

BULLETS HAMMERED ALONG THE CLIFF FACE. SPLINTERED STEEL AND ROCK SCYTED INTO THE GUNS...



UGH!

UNDER COVER OF THE GUNFIRE,  
THE SAILORS CLAMBERED INTO  
THEIR DINGHIES...



THEN BATTLER SAW DIM FIGURES MOVING  
ALONG ONE OF THE MOORED SUBMARINES...



THE NEXT SECOND BATTLES  
VICKERS GUN WAS HAMMERING  
LEAD INTO THE U-BOAT PEN...



THE GERMAN GUNNERS HAD  
JUST TURNED THEIR GUN ON THE  
DINGHIES WHEN HOT LEAD SLAMMED  
ALONG THE SUBMARINE'S DECKING...

BACK!  
BACK!



WITH BULLETS STITCHING THE WATER  
AROUND THEM, THE SAILORS PADDLED  
FURIOUSLY TOWARDS THE ENEMY SHORE...

NEARLY  
THERE,  
LADS!



LIEUTENANT ALLCOTT WAS THE FIRST ASHORE,  
SWIFTLY FOLLOWED BY HIS MEN...



IN A SWIFT FLURRY OF SHOTS  
BRITISH AND GERMAN MET IN  
DEADLY HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT...



OUTSIDE ON THE JETTY, BATTLER AND HIS CREW WERE UNLOADING BOXES OF EXPLOSIVE...



THE NAVY  
ARE HOLDING  
THEM, STEVE. NOW  
IT'S UP TO  
US!

BATTLER LED THE WAY  
ALONG A HONEYCOMB OF CORRIDORS...



JERRY'S  
STOCKPILE  
OF TORPEDOES  
MUST BE HERE  
SOMEWHERE!

THEY ROUNDED A CORNER AND RAN HEADLONG INTO TWO ENEMY SENTRY'S, AS THE GERMANS RAISED THEIR RIFLES, BATTLER'S PISTOL CRACKED TWICE...



THAT  
MUST BE THE  
PLACE!

THEY RAN THROUGH THE ENTRANCE AND FOUND THEMSELVES IN A VAST CAVERN, PACKED TO THE ROOF WITH TORPEDOES...

JUST  
LOOK AT THAT  
LOT!

QUICKLY THEY SET TO WORK PLACING THE EXPLOSIVES...

LET'S  
HAVE THE  
REST...

HOW LONG  
SHALL WE  
GIVE THE  
FUSE,  
SKIPPER?

THEY PACKED  
LAYER ON LAYER  
OF EXPLOSIVE  
BETWEEN THE  
SLEEK TORPEDOES...

BATTLER GLANCED UP AT  
A LIGHT SHINING OVERHEAD...



BATTLER STRIPPED OFF  
LAMP AND HOLDER AND  
BARED THE WIRES. THEN  
HE CONNECTED UP THE  
LENGTH OF FUSE WIRE...



THEY RAN BACK TO THE JETTY, WHERE ALLCOTT  
AND HIS MEN HAD SILENCED THE ENEMY...

ALL FIXED  
WING  
COMMANDER?

WE'RE  
READY!  
HAVE YOUR  
MEN GET OUT  
QUICK!



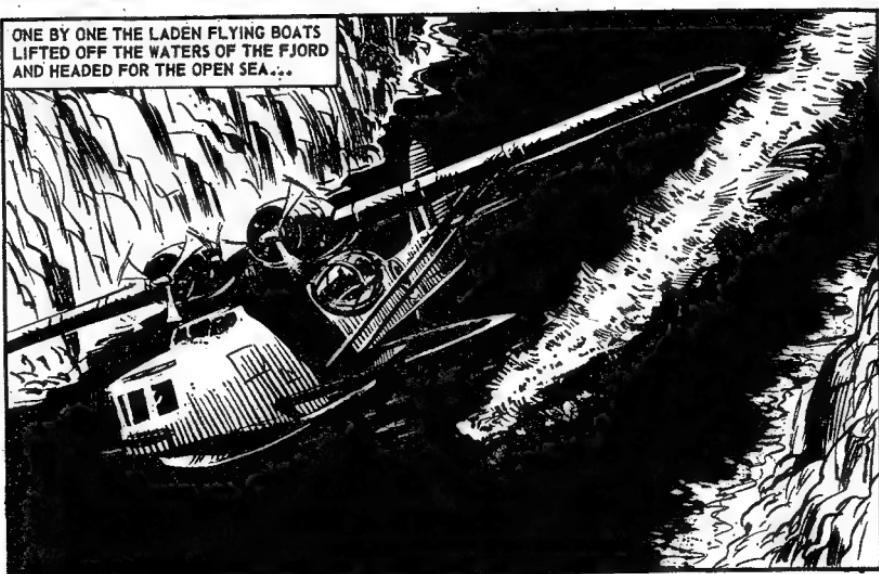
THE  
PARTY'S  
OVER, LADS!  
BACK INTO THE  
DINGHIES!



NO SHOTS FOLLOWED THEM AS THE DINGHIES MOVED QUICKLY OUT TO THE WAITING CATALINAS...



ONE BY ONE THE LADEN FLYING BOATS LIFTED OFF THE WATERS OF THE FJORD AND HEADED FOR THE OPEN SEA...



INSIDE THE SUBMARINE PENS, THE  
GERMANS HAD RECOVERED FROM THE ATTACK...

HURRY!  
SEARCH THE  
TORPEDO  
ROOM!



THE TORPEDO ROOM WAS IN DARKNESS WHEN  
THE TWO MEN ENTERED IT ...



THE SERGEANT'S HAND GROPED FOR THE SWITCH AND SNAPPED IT  
ON. FOR A SPLIT SECOND OF TIME THEIR FACES WERE FROZEN  
IN THE FLASH OF THE DETONATORS...



BATTLER WAS LEVELLING OUT AFTER TAKE-OFF  
WHEN THE CLIFF FACE BEHIND HIM ERUPTED  
IN A VAST BLAST OF HIGH EXPLOSIVE...



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SOME  
BANG,  
SKIPPER.

YOU'RE  
RIGHT. THOSE  
U-BOATS WON'T  
BE SINKING ANY  
MORE ALLIED  
SHIPS...

VICE-ADmiral GRIGG WAS  
WAITING FOR THEM AT THEIR  
ORKNEY BASE WHEN THEY LANDED...

WE OWE  
YOU A GREAT  
DEBT, BRITTON. YOUR  
ACTION HAS SAVED  
COUNTLESS LIVES. I  
DON'T KNOW HOW  
YOU DID  
IT...

WELL  
WE HAD  
LUCK ON OUR  
SIDE, SIR — AND  
THE NAVY ...

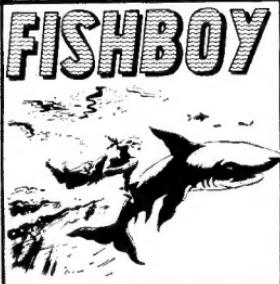
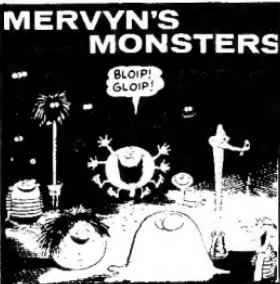


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